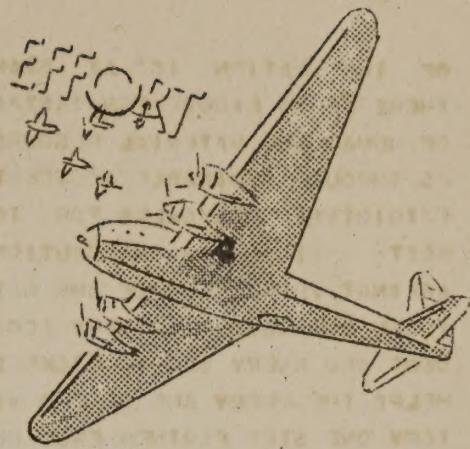


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ACCIDENTS HINDER OUR WAR EFFORT STOP 'EM!



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AS A NATION WE ARE VITALLY CONCERNED WITH THE MAXIMUM PRODUCTION OF ESSENTIAL WAR MATERIALS, YET AS PRIVATE CITIZENS WE SOMETIMES FAIL TO DIRECT OUR ATTENTION INTO THE CHANNELS WHERE THE MOST GOOD CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED TOWARD ATTAINMENT OF THIS GOAL. INSTEAD OF DIRECTING THE FULL FORCE OF OUR ENERGIES TOWARD PREVENTION OF LOSSES RESULTING FROM CAUSES OVER WHICH WE CAN EXERCISE EFFECTIVE CONTROL, WE ALLOW RUMOR, CONJECTURE, AND CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS TO ENGAGE MUCH OF OUR INTEREST AND TIME.

THERE ARE TWO CAUSES OF SERIOUS PRODUCTION LOSSES WHICH HAVE RECEIVED TOO LITTLE ATTENTION. THESE CAUSES ARE ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS, AND THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF 680,000,000 MAN DAYS OF PRODUCTION DURING THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1941. THIS LOSS WAS MORE THAN THIRTY TIMES AS GREAT AS THE LOSS WHICH RESULTED FROM STRIKES DURING THE SAME PERIOD. STRIKES, EVEN OF

A MINOR NATURE, ATTRACTED WIDE SPREAD INTEREST AND WERE GIVEN MUCH PUBLICITY, WHILE FEW GLARING HEADLINES TOLD THE STORY OF THE ENORMOUS PRODUCTION LOSSES THAT WERE RESULTING EACH DAY FROM ACCIDENTS AND SICKNESS.

KNOWING THAT THE VALUE OF FREEDOM CAN NOT BE MEASURED IN DOLLARS AND CENTS, THE MAN WHO WORRIES ABOUT THE ENORMITY OF THE WAR DEBT BUT DOES NOTHING TO PRESERVE VALUABLE RESOURCES WITH WHICH IT MUST BE PAID IS NOT APPLYING HIS ENERGIES IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCURATELY FORECAST THE MATERIAL COST OF THIS WAR, BUT PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS US THAT WHATEVER THE COST MAY BE, IT CAN BE PAID IN A COMPARATIVELY SHORT TIME WITHOUT GREATER TAXATION THAN WE HAVE BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO PAYING IN THE PAST. DURING 1941, ACCIDENTS TAXED THE NATION TO THE EXTENT OF THREE AND ONE-HALF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND LITTLE COMPLAINT WAS HEARD. EXPERIENCE

SHOWS THAT 90 PER CENT OF ALL OUR ACCIDENTS ARE PREVENTABLE; THEREFORE, BY TAKING THE TAX THAT HAS IN THE PAST GONE TO ACCIDENT AND APPLYING IT TO THE WAR DEBT, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TAXATIONS. OVER A PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS THOSE SAVINGS TO THE NATION WOULD AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY NINETY-FOUR BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

NOT ONLY IS IT POSSIBLE TO LIQUIDATE THE WAR DEBT BY THE PREVENTION OF LOSSES FROM ACCIDENTAL CAUSES, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THROUGH PROPER PROTECTION OF MAN POWER AND PROPERTY TO BRING THE END OF THE WAR MUCH NEARER. ENGAGED IN A WAR WITH RUTHLESS NATIONS WHO SEEK TO BRING THE WORLD UNDER TOTALITARIAN RULE, WE MUST NOT FOR A MOMENT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT IN THE RESOURCES OF OUR LAND LIES THE DECISION BETWEEN BONDAGE AND FREEDOM IN THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE.

AT A TIME WHEN THE SURVIVAL

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• ACCIDENTS AID THE AXIS •

OF THE NATION IS AT STAKE THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR WASTAGE OF HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES THROUGH AVOIDABLE ACCIDENTS. PATRIOTISM NOW CALLS FOR THE MOST VIGILANT PRECAUTIONS AGAINST IMPAIRMENT OF OUR NATIONAL STRENGTH. EVERY ACCIDENT AND EVERY DAY OF SICKNESS HELPS THE ENEMY AND PLACES VICTORY ONE STEP FARTHER FROM OUR GRASP. SICKNESS CAN BE MINIMIZED THROUGH PROPER HEALTH MEASURES; AND ACCIDENTS CAN BE PREVENTED, BECAUSE THEY USUALLY RESULT FROM CARELESSNESS. IF THROUGH A CARELESS ACT WE SHOULD LOSE 1,000 SOLDIERS, THE NEWS WOULD QUICKLY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE LAND AND EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD WOULD SOON KNOW THE ATTENDING DETAILS; YET WE ALLOW ACCIDENTS TO KILL 100,000 CIVILIANS EACH YEAR, AND FEW PEOPLE EVEN TAKE THE TIME TO FIND OUT THE CAUSE.

ANY FSA EMPLOYEE WHO FAILS TO MAKE SAFETY AN INTEGRAL PART OF HIS ASSIGNMENT IS NOT CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES EXPECTED OF HIM AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND AS A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE, BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED EVERY CITIZEN IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO A CONCERTED AND INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT LOSS OF HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES THROUGH ACCIDENTAL CAUSES.

(FROM REGION 8 FSA SAFETY BULLETIN)

F.D.R. ENLISTS NATION'S AID TO CUT ACCIDENTS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT CALLED UPON THE NATION TODAY TO GIVE

ALL AID TO A DRIVE TO PREVENT DEATH AND INJURY BY ACCIDENTS, TERMING IT AN "INTEGRAL PART OF OUR NATIONAL WAR EFFORT".

IN A LETTER READ BEFORE A NEWLY FORMED WAR PRODUCTION FUND TO CONSERVE MANPOWER - AN OFFSPRING OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL - THE PRESIDENT SAID:

"IT IS OBVIOUS FROM THE VERY MAGNITUDE OF THE TOLL IN DEATHS AND INJURIES THAT ACCIDENTS CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE SERIOUS IMPEDIMENTS TO OUR WAR PRODUCTION. THE SORT OF BROAD PROGRAM THROUGH WHICH THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL PROPOSES TO EXTEND ACCIDENT PREVENTION WORK MORE WIDELY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IS, THEREFORE, A NATIONAL NECESSITY AT THIS TIME."

"FOR THIS REASON THE MOVEMENT IN WHICH YOU ARE ENGAGED MUST BE REGARDED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR NATIONAL WAR EFFORT AND DESERVES THE FULLEST SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION."

101,500 DEATHS IN YEAR

THE ACCIDENT TOLL, SAID THE SAFETY COUNCIL, WAS 101,500 DEATHS, 350,000 PERMANENTLY DISABLED AND 3,750,000 INJURED DURING THE LAST YEAR - A TOLL THAT DEPRIVED INDUSTRY OF 460,000,000 MAN-DAYS OF LABOR.

WILLIAM A. IRVIN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW UNIT.

DONALD NELSON, CHAIRMAN OF

THE WAR PRODUCTION BOARD, COMMENDED INDUSTRIAL LEADERS IN ANOTHER LETTER FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN AN UNDERTAKING OF SUCH CONSEQUENCE TO THE NATIONAL WAR EFFORT.

PROGRAM FOR INDUSTRY

OUTLINING THE FUND'S PROGRAM, IRVIN SAID EFFECTIVE SAFETY PROGRAMS WOULD BE INSTALLED IN MANY OF THE 171,000 INDUSTRIAL PLANTS NOW LACKING THEM AND THE NATION'S 15,000,000 INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WOULD BE EDUCATED TO SAFETY.

"WITH A REDUCTION OF ONLY 20 PER CENT," IRVIN SAID, "THE FOLLOWING SAVINGS IN LIFE AND RESOURCES OVER LAST YEAR WOULD BE: SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND FEWER INJURIES TO WORKERS; 92,000,000 MAN-DAYS OF PRODUCTION SAVED TO INDUSTRY; \$750,000,000 SAVED TO OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY."

"IN TERMS OF PRODUCTION THE MINIMUM EXPECTANCY IN ECONOMIC SAVINGS UNDER AN EFFECTIVE, BROADSCALE PROGRAM WOULD BUY 10 BATTLESHIPS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CLASS, 2,100 FLYING FORTRESSES OR 6,600 HEAVY TANKS."

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE EXPANDED SAFETY PROGRAM WILL COST \$5,000,000 AND THE WAR PRODUCTION FUND HAS UNDERTAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FINANCING THE PROJECT THROUGH ENLISTING THE SUPPORT OF THE NATION'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS CORPORATIONS."

(ASSOCIATED PRESS RELEASE)

* ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS THE PRICE *
* OF SAFETY. *

BEWARE THE SAFETY SCOFFER.

EVERY NOW AND THEN WE HEAR SOMEONE MAKE A REMARK TO THE EFFECT THAT EFFORT IN THE FIELD OF SAFETY IS A JOKE. IT IS A WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY. UNNECESSARY.

A PERSON MAKING SUCH A MIS-ST STATEMENT WILL NOT, IN NORMAL TEMPERAMENT, STAND BY IT, AND IT IS QUITE POSSIBLY A THOUGHT-LESS OBJECTION TO A CONDITION THAT MAKES SAFETY CAMPAIGNS IMPORTANT.

WE AGREE THAT THIS MIGHTY MOVEMENT, PREACHING AND TEACHING THE VALUE OF A HUMAN BEING, SHOULD NOT BE NEEDED. WHEN YOU CONSIDER IT, IT IS RIDICULOUS. WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE I FIND IT MY DUTY TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR FINGER, YOUR LEG, YOUR LIFE IS TOO VALUABLE TO LOSE. BUT YOU KNOW THAT, AND COMMON SENSE TELLS ME THAT YOU KNOW IT. WHY AM I GOING OUT OF MY WAY TO KEEP TELLING YOU SOMETHING THAT YOU KNOW (BARRING INSANITY) AS WELL OR BETTER THAN I? WHY? LET'S SEE WHY.

IF I DON'T KEEP TELLING YOU THAT YOUR FINGER IS OF VALUE TO YOU, YOU MAY (AND RECORDS SHOUT THAT IT'S TRUE) -YOU MAY FORGET THAT YOUR FINGER IS OF VALUE TO YOU, AND LOSE IT. THEN IT BEGINS. WHEN I SAY IT, I MEAN A MESS. IF YOU DON'T THINK IT'S A MESS, COME OVER AND SEE SOME RECORDS.

IT HAS BEEN PROVEN CONCLUSIVELY THAT IF THE CONSTANT BALLYHOO, THE INCESSANT SING-ING, THE PERPETUAL PRODDING IS

RELAXED IN THE LEAST, ACCIDENT RECORDS SOAR AND INSURANCE RATES SOAR WITH THEM. COST OF INVESTIGATION, REPAIR, DELAY AND COMPENSATION CREATES HAVOC WITH PRODUCTION. THE IRRITATING RESULTS EXTEND OVER PERIODS OF DAYS, WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS, ADDING NOTHING OF ADVANTAGE AND CAUSING TREMENDOUS LOSS.

YOU KNOW ALL THAT? SURE YOU DO. (WHEN WE REMIND YOU.)

THE YAPPING OF THE SAFETY INSPECTOR GETS RESULTS! THE PROOF IS PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND FINANCIAL.

THE YAPPING OF THE SAFETY INSPECTOR MAY ANNOY YOU, BUT YOUR CARELESSNESS ANNOYS OTHERS, SO THE OTHERS HIRE THE SAFETY INSPECTOR TO YAP, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT - ADMIT IT OR NOT - HE HAS, DOES, OR MAY SAVE YOUR FINGER, LEG, OR LIFE.

WHEN YOU HEAR SOMEONE SCOFF AT A SAFETY PROGRAM (AND YOU WILL HEAR HIM) YOU MAY BE SURE THAT HE TALKS WITHOUT THOUGHT. THAT, IN ITSELF, IS CARELESSNESS OF THE FIRST ORDER - THE ARCH-FOE OF SAFETY. IF THE SCOFFER IS SERIOUS, HE IS A FOOL, BUT SERIOUS OR NOT, HE IS DANGEROUS.
BEWARE THE SAFETY SCOFFER!

(FROM YE SAFTIE CRIER)

WHO AM I?

I AM MORE POWERFUL IN DESTRUCTION THAN THE COMBINED ARMIES OF THE WORLD.

I HAVE DESTROYED MORE MEN THAN ALL THE WARS OF THE NATIONS.

I AM MORE DEADLY THAN BULLETS, AND I HAVE KILLED MORE PERSONS THAN THE MIGHTIEST OF THE SIEGE GUNS.

I STEAL IN THE UNITED STATES ALONE, OVER \$300,000,000 EACH YEAR.

I SPARE NO ONE, AND FIND MY VICTIMS AMONG THE RICH AND THE POOR ALIKE, YOUNG AND OLD, THE STRONG AND WEAK - WIDOWS AND ORPHANS KNOW ME.

I LOOM TO SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT I CAST MY SHADOW OVER EVERY FIELD OF LABOR, FROM THE TURNING OF THE GRIND-STONE TO THE MOVING OF THE RAILROAD TRAIN.

I MASSACRE THOUSANDS OF WAGE-EARNERS EACH YEAR.

I LURK IN UNSEEN PLACES, AND DO MOST OF MY WORK SILENTLY. YOU ARE WARNED AGAINST ME, BUT YOU HEED NOT THE WARNING.

I AM RELENTLESS.

I AM EVERYWHERE - IN THE HOME, ON THE STREET, IN THE FACTORY, AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS AND ON THE SEA.

I BRING SICKNESS, DEGRADATION, AND DEATH, AND FEW SEEK TO AVOID ME.

I DESTROY, CRUSH AND MAIM; I GIVE NOTHING BUT TAKE ALL.

I AM YOUR WORST ENEMY.

I AM CARELESSNESS!

(FROM THE SAFETY SUN)

SUPERVISOR FALLS THROUGH TRAP DOOR

A FLASHLIGHT COULD HAVE BEEN PUT TO GOOD USE TO PREVENT AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH AN ASSISTANT COUNTY SUPERVISOR TORE THE CARTILAGE OF HIS KNEE. HE MADE AN EVENING CALL ON AN FSA BOR-

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* CARELESSNESS IS THE MOTHER OF *
* CATASTROPHE *
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POWER TO SEE ABOUT THE RELEASING OF SOME PROPERTY TO BE SOLD. IN THE DARKNESS HE STUMBED AND FELL ON THE PORCH, THROUGH A TRAP DOOR. THE INJURY PARTIALLY DISABLED HIM FOR SOME TIME.

TWELVE RULES TO KEEP FROM GROWING OLD

HERE ARE 12 RULES, COMPILED BY SOME UNKNOWN AUTHORITY, WHICH, IF FOLLOWED FAITHFULLY, WILL ENABLE ANY MOTORIST TO AVOID DYING OF OLD AGE.

1. DRIVE AS FAST AS YOU CAN ON WET PAVEMENT. THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO STOP YOU IF YOU LOSE CONTROL; OFTEN A HEAVY TRUCK, TELEPHONE POLE OR A PLATE GLASS WINDOW.

2. NEW DRIVERS SHOULD BE SHOWN HOW TO DRIVE FAST IN HEAVY TRAFFIC. IT GIVES THEM THE EXPERIENCE EVERY MOTORIST SHOULD HAVE.

3. ALWAYS SPEED. IT MAKES YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU ARE A MAN OF PEP EVEN THOUGH AN AMATEUR DRIVER.

4. NEVER YIELD THE ROAD TO THE CAR BEHIND. THE DRIVER MAY BE A BOOTLEGGER BEING PURSUED.

5. NEVER STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN AT A RAILROAD CROSSING. IT CONSUMES VALUABLE TIME AND PEOPLE MAY THINK YOU ARE TIMID.

6. IN WET WEATHER ALWAYS DRIVE ON TROLLEY TRACKS. IT IS SMOOTHER GOING.

7. ALWAYS RACE WITH THE LOCOMOTIVE TO A CROSSING. THE ENGINEER LIKES IT BECAUSE IT

BREAKS THE MONOTONY OF HIS JOB.

8. ALWAYS PASS THE CAR AHEAD ON A CURVE OR TURN.

9. BE SURE TO USE YOUR HORN; IT MIGHT UNNERVE THE OTHER FELLOW (AND CAUSE HIM TO PULL OVER TOO FAR.)

10. DEMAND HALF THE ROAD -THE MIDDLE HALF. INSIST ON YOUR RIGHTS.

11. ALWAYS TRY TO PASS CARS ON HILLS WHEN POSSIBLE. IT SHOWS THAT YOUR BUS HAS POWER AND YOU CAN ALWAYS TURN OUT SOMEWHERE IF YOU MEET ANOTHER CAR AT THE TOP.

12. TAKE THE SHORTEST ROUTE AROUND BLIND LEFT-HAND TURNS. THE OTHER FELLOW OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF IF YOU CAN.

BUT DON'T DO THESE THINGS WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING A GOVERNMENT CAR. IT MAKES US ENTITLED TOO MUCH PAPER WORK. ALSO, WE'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D DROP BY THE OFFICE BEFORE YOU START PUTTING THESE RULES INTO EFFECT SO YOU CAN GIVE US THE VITAL STATISTICS NECESSARY. IT'S SO MUCH TROUBLE TO GET THIS INFORMATION FROM THE WIDOW.

(FROM THE WEBFOOT COURIER)

ADJUSTING AN ELECTRIC FAN

INJURED ATTEMPTED TO ADJUST AN ELECTRIC FAN WHILE IT WAS RUNNING. HE LOOSENED THE ADJUSTING WING NUT WITH HIS RIGHT HAND AND, HOLDING TO THE FRONT OF THE GUARD WITH HIS LEFT, HE PUSHED TO ONE SIDE TO SET THE FAN AT A DIFFERENT AN-

GLE. HIS HAND SLIPPED OFF AND THROUGH THE GUARD AND HIS LEFT THUMB STRUCK THE BLADES OF THE FAN, CAUSING A SEVERE LACERATION.

THIS IS A FOOLISH THOUGH COMMON ACCIDENT. OF COURSE THE ONLY SAFE WAY TO ADJUST A FAN IS TO SHUT IT OFF FIRST AND WAIT FOR THE BLADES TO STOP REVOLVING. IF ANY OTHER METHOD IS ATTEMPTED (WHILE THE FAN IS RUNNING) THERE IS EXTREME DANGER OF INJURY. WHEN THE WING NUT IS LOOSENED THE FAN WILL USUALLY DROP FORWARD AND IF YOUR HAND OR FACE HAPPENS TO BE IN THE WAY A SEVERE INJURY MIGHT EASILY RESULT.

(FROM HOME SAFETY MAGAZINE)

WHILE YOU READ AS YOU READ THIS, A NUMBER OF PERSONS WILL BE ACCIDENTALLY INJURED - ONE WILL BE KILLED.

LAST YEAR'S ACCIDENT TOTALS CAN BE FIGURED AT THE FOLLOWING APPROXIMATE RATES:

ALL ACCIDENTAL DEATHS -

1 EVERY $5\frac{1}{2}$ MINUTES

11 EACH HOUR

264 PER DAY

1,850 EACH WEEK

96,500 KILLED DURING YEAR

ALL ACCIDENTAL INJURIES -

1 EVERY $3\frac{1}{3}$ SECONDS

18 PER MINUTE

1,000 EACH HOUR

25,000 PER DAY

174,000 EVERY WEEK

9,100,000 INJURIES DURING YEAR

TOTAL ACCIDENT COSTS -

\$ 113 PER SECOND

\$ 9,500,000 PER DAY

\$ 3,500,000,000 FOR THE YEAR.

* THE TIME TO PREVENT AN ACCIDENT IS
* BEFORE IT HAPPENS!
